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Ike Held Not To Blame

Editor: In his letter "Kennedy Inherited Mess" on this date it would appear that Reader Mont L. Clark also forgot some pertinent historical facts.

The CIA was created by Harry S. Truman and not Dwight Eisenhower. The Army brass to which reader Clark makes reference are leftovers from FDR's administration — not Eisenhower's! Reader Clark also forgot to mention that the Eisenhower administration had not plan for any invasion of Cuba and that the Joint Chiefs of Staff in February (under Kennedy) would go along with the invasion only if it included air cover over the beaches.

It's about time people stop blaming Dwight Eisenhower for the shortcomings of the Kennedy administration. I wonder how many of these scape-goat-seekers would blame Kennedy if there was a revolution in Mexico tomorrow and a Communist disguising himself as a nationalist, with the support of 75 percent of the Mexican people, came to power?

The real "mess" and "fiasco" in Cuba was the abortive invasion attempt planned and directed by the Kennedy administration against a well equipped Cuban army without adequate air or naval support. It was an ill-advised move and it failed. Now let's get back to work and stop trying to find a scapegoat.

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Clark Criticizes CIA Financing

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Des Moines, Feb. 18 (UPI)—The official who heads the Government's Department of Justice said here today he doubts that the Central Intelligence Agency acted properly in providing secret financing for the National Student Association.

Ramsey Clark, acting United States Attorney General, made the comment at a news conference while in Des Moines for a speech.

He said the American people "do not believe in the Government's influencing students through means that are other than direct or open."

Clark emphasized, however, that his department is not directly connected with the CIA and he did not know anything about its involvement with the student organization and foundations until he read about it last week.